

**Conservation/UW-EX Education Committee**  
**September 9, 2013**  
**Minutes**

**Committee members present:** Chairman Tom Rudolph, Jim Intrepidi, Bob Martini, Bob Mott and Clint Zimbeck. Absent: Greg Berard.

**Others present:** Erica Brewster, Tim Brown, Michele Sadauskas, Lynn Feldman, Michael Stinebrink (NRCS) and Kerri Ison.

**Call to order:** Chairman Tom Rudolph called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. noting the meeting has been properly posted and the facility is handicap accessible.

**Approve agenda:** Motion by Intrepidi/Mott to approve today's agenda with the order of items at the Chair's discretion. All ayes; motion carried.

**Approve minutes:** Motion by Martini/Intrepidi to approve the minutes of 8/14/13 as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

**Dates of future meeting(s):**

9/12/13	9:00 a.m.	Extension meeting room
10/14/13	1:30 p.m.	Extension meeting room
11/11/13	1:30 p.m.	Extension meeting room

**Monthly staff report:** Hansen gave a presentation regarding how earthworms negatively impact the forest and why they are considered invasive.

**Oneida County Fair update:** The first post-fair meeting will be held tomorrow night. There are still bills to be paid but expect a carry forward balance to 2014. Discussion was held regarding a paid Fair Coordinator.

**Agency reports:**

Lake Districts: Committee members provided updates on Lake District activities.

FSA: Nothing to report.

NRCS: Stinebrink provided updates on NRCS activities and presented new operational agreement between NRCS and LWCD.

LWCB: Rudolph provided updates on LWCB activities.

WLWCA: Rudolph provided updates on WLWCA activities.

RC&D: Rudolph provided updates for RC&D.

**Approve out-of-county travel requests:** Motion by Martini/Intrepidi to approve the out-of-county travel requests as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

**Monthly budget reports:**

- Motion by Intrepidi/Martini to approve the monthly budget reports for the period ending 8/31/13. All ayes; motion carried.
- Motion by Mott/Zimbeck to approve the monthly budget report for the period ending

8/31/13. All ayes; motion carried.

**Monthly invoices/purchase orders:**

- Motion by Intrepidi/Mott to approve the monthly invoices for LWCD as presented. All ayes; motion carried.
- Motion by Martini/Intrepidi to approve the monthly invoices for UWEX as presented. All ayes; motion carried.
- Motion by Intrepidi/Martini to approve the monthly invoices for the Oneida County Fair as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

**Office space update:** Lengthy discussion was held regarding potential remodeling costs at the airport and WPS building. Motion by Martini/Mott requesting the Buildings and Grounds Committee and Land Records Committee provide a detailed cost analysis on remodeling suitable space in WPS building for Land Conservation and UW-Extension so that a detailed comparison can be made with other options. Discussion followed. All ayes; motion carried. Committee drafted a memo to be sent to those Committees with this request.

**AIS Strategic Plan:** Tabled until next meeting.

**Lake management grant resolution:** Hansen and Sadauskas were contacted by DNR staff regarding application to receive a \$50,000 lake protection grant to help accomplish goals in the LWRM plan. Discussion followed. Motion by Martini/Mott that this Committee approve the application to the DNR for a lake protection grant in the amount of approximately \$50,000 for the purpose of hiring individuals to carry out items in the Land and Water Resource Management Plan. All ayes; motion carried. The resolution will be forwarded for approval at the October County Board meeting.

**County cost share program update/fee schedule:** Hansen is working to allocate remaining 2013 funding and discussed possible fee schedule for the cost-share program.

**Public comment:** None.

**Items for next agenda:** Operational agreement with USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, line item transfer, office space update, potential fee schedule for cost-share program, AIS strategic plan.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Intrepidi/Martini to adjourn at 4:09 p.m. All ayes; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kerri Ison, Recording Secretary

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Thomas Rudolph, Chair